

**REMARKS**

The notice of Non-Compliant amendment indicated that the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed December 29, 2006 was not fully compliant with regard to the status identifier of the claims. A subsequent telephone message from the Examiner on March 29, 2007 confirmed that the request was related to the identifier of claim 17. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this clarification.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Applicant has provided the claim amendments with proper status identifiers in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

The other portions of the original reply are incorporated by reference and remain pertinent.

Applicant respectfully requests a full Office Action on the merits.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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